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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend this application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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## IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3 (amended) DNA sequence of the htfIIIA gene according to claim 1 containing the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No: 3.

Claim 4 (amended) DNA sequence of the htfIIIA gene according to claim 1 containing the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No: 4.

Claim 5 (amended) DNA sequence according to claim 4 having the sequence beginning at nucleotide 176 and finishing at the nucleotide 1270 of SEQ ID No: 3.

Claim 6 (amended) DNA sequence coding for the human transcription factor hZFIIIA according to claim 1 as well as the